

West Hillad? March 4th 1849

Dear Brother,
I received your long looked for letter about the middle of the last month, and enjoyed the contents made me feel so exceedingly gloomy, so that I could not write immediately, and now that I have commenced, I find that my mind is troubled with doubts for fear this may now reach you while living. Mr Charles, could you only know the anxious trouble I have experienced in your delay, both as regards your personally, and eternally. I am led to the conclusion that you would seek a place for your residence which would be more congenial to your health, as what is money if we cannot enjoy health, as I had not heard from you for such a long time my mind was impressed with the idea that perhaps you had gone to California, but now am quite relieved that my fears are groundless, you speak of not being well, and the Obolena raging where you are, my anxieties are very great, but I have a hope that you may be spared from this terrible calamity, my prayer and hearts desire is, let death come in what shape or form it will, that both you and I may be fitted and qualified for an inheritance